3. All Technical Proposals received in response to the "Request for Proposal" were scrutinised by a Technical Evaluation Committee comprising qualified persons from Army, Defence Research & Development Organisation and Directorate General Quality Assurance, and only those Vendors whose Technical Proposals were approved by this Committee were requested to submit their samples of Bullet Proof Jackets, for trials.

Steps to maximise effectiveness of coast guard

2795. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how Government propose to make the coast guard force more effective; and

(b) are our Coast Guard Stations and Personnel adequately equipped keeping in view the fast changing profile of maritime criminals?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The Coast Guard has formulated a Coast Guard Development Plan (CGDP-2002-2007) and a Coast Guard Perspective Plan (CGDP-2002-2017). The salient features of Coast Guard Development Plan 2002-2007 are:-

(i) Ongoing Schemes–Ongoing Schemes consist of ongoing projects of acquisition of ships and aircraft along with manpower and associated shore support infrastructure.

(ii) Replacement Schemes–These schemes are meant to replace ageing ships and aircraft to maintain existing force levels.

(iii) New Schemes–These schemes pertain to new acquisition of ships and aircraft and associated shore support infrastructure including manpower.

(iv) New Coast Guard Stations–Ten new Coast Guard stations are planned to be set up in a phased manner. Five stations are planned during 2002-2007 (Phase I) and balance five in next CGDP 2007-2012. The locations of these stations are:—

Phase I

Ratnagiri (Maharashtra), Beypore (Kerala), Kavarati (Lakshadweep Islands), Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh), Pondicherry (Union Territory of Pondicherry).

Phase II

Vadinar (Gujarat), Jafarabad/Pipavav (Gujarat), Bhatkal/Malpe, Gopalpur (Orissa), Kamrota (Andaman & Nicobar Group of Islands).

The Coast Guard Stations have acquired latest state of art weapons. Coast Guard personnel are being trained regularly on all types of weapons to face any unforeseen emergency.

Rehabilitation of people affected in Gajraj project

†2796. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to allot substitute land to the people whose land will be acquired in ongoing Gajraj project (Prakalpa) in Nagpur; and

(b) if so, the measures being planned by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The Central Government is not aware whether the State Government has any plans to allot substitute land to the people whose land is being acquired by the State Government in connection with the Gajraj Project in Nagpur.

(b) Does not arise.

Re-employment of ex-Servicemen

2797. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ex-Servicemen who have been provided re-employment in the Central Government, State Governments, Public Sector Undertakings, Para Military Forces, Defence Security Forces and other organisations from Rajasthan and other States during the last three years, year-wise, sector-wise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.